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Talking Points for General Wilson
Re USIB Committee Handling
of Foreign Weapon Systems

1. In trying to arrive at a proposal for the DCI on this matter, my staff and I:

- Consulted with the various offices and agencies who had equities in the problem.
- Laid out the various directions that we could go in trying to solve the problem.
- Finally came up with the proposal now before you.

2. In drawing up this proposal we:

- Recognized that the span of control of the Chairman of the proposed WSSIC will be quite broad, therefore,
- have proposed a vice-chairmanship to help handle the load.
- Have recommended rotation of the chairman and vice-chairman positions between CIA and DIA, believing those positions should be filled by agencies most directly involved in day-to-day analysis of weapon systems.
- Felt that by putting a DIA nominee in the committee's superstructure we would give DIA more direct and important role in management of committee matters dealing with weapon systems.

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- Felt that by aligning substructure of committee along technical discipline lines, we could eliminate the redundancy that would almost surely arise if we were to align them according to mission or to split the responsibility between two committees as has been done in the past.

3. Other options we considered were:

- Continue present division of responsibility between GMAIC and SIC. This caused the problem in the first place.
- Continue both GMAIC and SIC in weapon system analysis but give a renamed GMAIC responsibility for strategic systems and SIC responsibility for others. Division of responsibility and working group redundancy would be problems.
- Leave GMAIC as at present and form a new committee to handle weapon systems now the responsibility of SIC. Division of responsibility still a problem.
- Set up a new committee to handle tactical systems with a renamed GMAIC handling strategic systems. Responsibilities still split. Redundancy in analysis and working groups. Confusion as to which committee would handle new systems whose mission not yet determined.
- Form a single committee with two major subcommittees, one to handle tactical systems, the other to handle strategic systems. Foresaw the same gray areas that would exist between two separate committees and could not figure out what the role of the committee itself would be.

4. In going down the different roads and weighing and balancing all the good and bad aspects of the options I have just described, we decided that the proposal now before you has advantages that far outweigh any disadvantages that we could come up with.

3 September 1975

NOTE FOR GENERAL WILSON

1. During discussions with several people while I was trying to sort out the Weapons Committee problem, I heard what I thought to be some very useful ideas regarding chairmanships of the various USIB committees. I offer them for your consideration:

A. None of the chairmen or vice chairmen of the substantive committees should be appointed to his position as a full-time job. He must be involved in the substance with which his committee is dealing, otherwise he is merely becoming a rubber stamp. This should be made part of the DCID for his committee. (This point should be made quite clear to Dan Graham if the single weapons systems committee proposal goes through.)

B. If the single weapons systems committee proposal is accepted, it should be made clear that the vice-chairmanship idea should not be interpreted as setting a precedent for other committees. It is a one time thing for, hopefully, a one time reason.

C. No chairman of whatever committee should hold his chair for an overly long period of time. [redacted] predecessor as chairman of SIC, held that position for 20 years. [redacted] former chairman of JAEIC, held that position for 11 years. Such entrenchment leads to moss gathering rather than imaginative dynamism. A term of tenure of, say, 3 to 5 years seems far better.

2. It might be useful for you to consider discussing point B. above at tomorrow's USIB. It might also be useful to bring up all the above points at your next meeting with the USIB committee chairmen.

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3 September 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Proposal for WSSIC

1. On 4 September the USIB is scheduled to discuss the IC Staff proposal for restructuring GMAIC and SIC functions. Paragraph 2f of the draft proposal provides that, after another year of transition under the present chairman, a system of alternating chairman and vice chairman positions between CIA and DIA for three-year periods will go into effect.

2. As short-term locum tenens for the D/DCI/NIO, I don't feel qualified to make a big federal case out of this, but I question the wisdom of being quite so rigid in providing for automatic rotation. I should think Danny Graham's bureaucratic necessities could be met, the DCI's future options preserved, and very possibly some political flack avoided, if the USIB decided that CIA and DIA would both nominate best possible candidates, that the chairman and vice chairman would come from different agencies, and that a three-year term was maximum. The chief reason for revising in this way could be stated to be your desire to appoint the best possible person and your desire not to tie the hands of yourself and your successors by a rigid rotation system based on agency rather than merit.

3. [] who drafted this proposal, sees no objection to this modification and will bring it up with Sam Wilson.

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : USIB Committee Responsibilities for
Analysis of Foreign Weapon Systems

REFERENCES : a. DCID No. 1/3, Effective 3 December 1974
b. DCID No. 3/4, Effective 23 April 1965
c. DCID No. 3/5, Effective 23 April 1965

1. The attached memorandum on this subject is circulated for USIB consideration of General Wilson's proposal in paragraph 2 which has been tentatively approved by the DCI.

2. It is planned to schedule this subject on an agenda for USIB consideration at an early date.



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Intelligence Community Staff

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: USIB Committee Responsibilities for Analysis
of Foreign Weapon Systems

1. For the past several months, the Intelligence Community Staff has been investigating the various options open in determining how best to handle the problem of analysis of foreign weapon systems within the USIB committee structure. The problem arises primarily from two factors:

a. Dissatisfaction with the division of responsibility between SIC and GMAIC for the analysis of weapon systems-related information.

b. The desire of SIC to be relieved of the responsibility for covering current weapon systems to permit a better focus on advanced technologies and new physical discoveries and their possible application to future weapon systems.

2. After considering a number of options and after a great deal of consultation with interested parties, the DCI has tentatively agreed to the following proposal:

a. Form one committee, to be called the Weapon and Space Systems Intelligence Committee (WSSIC), to study all aspects of foreign weapon and space systems.

b. Establish several sub-committees or working groups to carry out detailed analysis by technical discipline. For example, all ballistic missiles, whether tactical or strategic, would be handled by a single working group, all aircraft by a single working group, etc.

c. The chairman would be allowed to establish ad hoc working groups from time to time to handle any special matters which do not lend themselves to analysis by one of the extant working groups. STAT

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d. Sub-committee and working group chairmen would be drawn from appropriate elements of the Intelligence Community as agreed between the chairman and vice-chairman of the committee.

e. In order to provide for an orderly transition from the present to the new working arrangements, the initial chairman would be the present chairman of the GMAIC, who would serve a minimum of one year, with a nominee of the Director, DIA, serving as vice-chairman.

f. Thereafter, the chairman would normally serve a three-year term, with the chairman and vice-chairman positions rotating between CIA and DIA nominees.

g. Designation of the chairman and vice-chairman of the committee would be made by the DCI in accordance with the provisions of DCID No. 1/3: Committees of the United States Intelligence Board (effective 3 Dec, 1974), and paragraph 2f above.

3. Any proposed solution to this longstanding problem must involve elements of compromise. The arrangement set forth above would go far toward solving the substantive problems which have existed because of the split responsibilities between SIC and GMAIC. It would facilitate the setting of priorities for study and would provide better assurance of overall coverage (without unnecessary redundancy) than does the existing arrangement. And it recognizes that interagency relationships are an important element of any system for committee handling of weapon system analysis.

4. The DCI desires to discuss the proposal outlined above at a USIB meeting at an early date. Following the Board's discussion, it is anticipated that the necessary changes in the applicable DCIDs will be developed for USIB consideration.


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